Second Meeting of the WSIS Forum 2023
Open Consultation Process and the
Special WSIS Forum 2022 Chairman Session

27 January 2023, 14:00-15:00 CET

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WSIS FORUM 2023

13-17 March 2023
Virtual Workshops in April & May

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The Open Consultation process (OCP) aims at ensuring a participatory and inclusive spirit of the Forum. This process actively engages multistakeholders in the preparatory process to ensure broad ownership and further improvements of the Forum. The Open Consultation Process will include a collection of inputs from regional and national WSIS related events.

The Open Consultation Process for the WSIS Forum 2023 is structured in five phases as follows:

**Phase 1**
Launch of the OCP
7 September 2022

**Phase 2**
1st Meeting
30 November 2022, 10:00-11:15 CET/12:00-13:15 EAT: Open Forum on Implementation of WSIS Action Lines and WSIS Forum (during IGF 2022 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)

**Phase 3**
2nd Meeting and Special WSIS Forum 2022 Chairman
27 January 2023, 14:00-15:00 CET
Popov Room, ITU Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland with remote participation

**Phase 4**
Deadline for Submissions
1 February 2023

**Phase 5**
3rd Meeting
13 February 2023 14:00-15:00 CET
Popov Room, ITU Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland with remote participation
Official submissions to the WSIS Secretariat on the Thematic Aspects and Innovations on the Format

1) Login with your existing account or Sign up as a new user
2) Fill out the OCP Form

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Deadline: 1 February 2023
Registration OPEN!

- On-site Registration to the WSIS Forum 2023 is available online at the following link:

  Registration | WSIS Forum 2023 (itu.int)

- Virtual Registration will be made available soon.
WSIS Forum 2023 Venue

13 - 17 March 2023
• CICG - The International Conference Center Geneva

April - May 2023
• Virtual Workshops
High-Level Track (14-15 March 2023)

More than 50 High-Level speaking slot requests received to date, including 25 Ministers and Deputies and 18 Regulators.

- High-level Policy Sessions
- Ministerial Round Table
- High-level Dialogues
- Ambassadors Briefing
- High-Level Meeting with Parliamentarians
- High-Level Meetings with Mayors

Deadline for submitting the High-Level Speaking Slot request: **31 January 2023**

Briefing sessions with the focal points will be organized in mid-February.

Interpretation: provided for French and Arabic.
Contact us for sponsorship opportunities for Chinese, Spanish, and Russian.

https://www.itu.int/net4/WSIS/forum/2023/HighLevel
Publicly accessible WSIS Stocktaking database [www.wsis.org/stocktaking](http://www.wsis.org/stocktaking) currently with 15,000+ submitted projects and initiatives from 350,000+ registered stakeholders has been vigilant and started collecting projects and activities on how ICTs are assisting stakeholders in their everyday life, work, and combating challenges caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

UN General Assembly called for a close alignment between the WSIS process and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: WSIS Stocktaking is highlighting the contribution of 11 WSIS Action Lines to the achievement 17 SDGs.

ECOSOC resolution 2022/15 reiterates the importance of sharing best practices at the global level and encourages all stakeholders to submit ICT-related projects and initiatives to the WSIS Stocktaking platform.

NEW Call for Submission: [www.wsis.org/stocktaking](http://www.wsis.org/stocktaking)
More than 900 submissions received to the WSIS Prizes 2023

18 winning projects and 72 champion projects will be awarded during the WSIS Forum 2023 (13-17 March 2023)
WSIS Forum 2023: Special Prizes

WSIS Healthy Ageing Innovation Prize: Third Edition
Deadline: 5 February 2023

WSIS Digital Service Design Prize 2023
Deadline: 27 January 2023
Call to Action: WSIS Photo Contest 2023

Following the successful of previous Photo Contests editions, WSIS Forum continues to exercise the Photo Contest in 2023 and invites the community to picture how Information and Communication Technologies are playing an enabling role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Participate in building a collage of ICT for Sustainable Development photographs from around the world by promoting the Photo Contest within your networks and communities. The three winning entries in the WSIS photo contest will be awarded and presented at the WSIS Forum 2023.

Deadline: 1 February 2023
ITU, Digital Government Authority (DGA) of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and relevant stakeholders are jointly organizing a WSIS Forum 2023 Hackathon on DigitalGov Hack: Advancing the Digital Economy by leveraging Emerging Technologies.

**Objectives and Themes**
- Harnessing the potential of emerging digital technologies to drive economic growth, and improve the lives of people by developing solutions that are innovative and easily replicable
- **4 Themes include**: Immersive Public Services, Empowering Young Talent, Productivity in Public Workspace, Financial Sustainability

**Prizes**
- 4 winners, one per theme will win each 5000 $ cash prize
- Have access to up to 6 months of mentoring from international experts on GovTech

**Award Ceremony**
Winners will be announced and awarded in the LEAP event in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia scheduled from 6 to 9 February 2023.
WSIS Forum 2023: Special Tracks

**ICTs and Youth**

**ICTs and Gender Mainstreaming**

**ICTs and Emerging Technologies for sustainable development and ICTs for Industry 4.0**

**ICTs for Well-being and Happiness**

**ICTs and Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities and Specific Needs**

**ICTs and Older Persons**

**Cybersecurity**

**ICTs and Indigenous Peoples and Cultures**

**ICTs for Developing Countries (and LDCs)**

**ICTs and Clean Technologies for Climate Change**

**Digital Citizenship and Public Services**
MEET THE WSIS GENDER TRENDSETTERS!

- **Mr. Vala Afskhar**
  Chief Digital Evangelist, Salesforce

- **Ms. Susana Arrechea**
  Digital Community Center Project Director, New Sun Road for-profit public benefit company

- **Ms. Elena Estavillo Flores**
  CEO, Centro-1 para la Sociedad del Futuro Think Tank

- **Ms. Mei Lin Fung**
  Chair and Cofounder, People Centered Internet

- **Ms. Gab-Hinganne Gаббibe**
  National Coord. Action pour l’Éducation & la Promotion de la Femme, TCHAD

- **Ms. Mikaela Jade**
  CEO and Founder, Ildigital EduTech

- **Ms. Kirthi Jayakumar**
  Coder and Creator at Saahas

- **Dr. Tawfik Jelassi**
  Assistant Director-General, UNESCO

- **Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin**
  Secretary-General, International Telecommunication Union

- **Ms. Tatiana Kanzaveli**
  Founder and CEO, Open Health Network

- **H.E. Ms. Lotte Knudsen**
  Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, European Union

- **Ms. Fang Li**
  Deputy Director, Research Institute of Technology and Standard, CAICT

- **Mr. Benoît Louvet**
  Service Design Front Office Director, Customer Service & Operations, Orange Business Services

- **Hon. Neema Lugangira**
  Member of Parliament of Tanzania & Founder of NGO, Omuka Hub

- **Ms. Samantha Paoleliti**
  Research and Business Dev. Manager CSEM

- **Ms. Asli Qayumi**
  Founder and CEO, Mindful Venture Capital

- **Ms. Yvette Ramos**
  President, WomenVai

- **Ms. Natalia Rodionova**
  Founder, Sisters of Code & IT Academy STEP Cambodia

- **Ms. Magatte Wade**
  Entrepreneur, Magatte Wade

- **Ms. Vidhya Y.**
  Cofounder and Trustee, Vision Empower

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Generation Connect is the overarching initiative of the ITU Youth Strategy. The 3 pillars of the ITU Youth Strategy are Engage, Empower and Participate.

Generation Connect aims to engage global youth and encourage their participation as equal partners alongside the leaders of today's digital change, empowering young people with the skills and opportunities to advance their vision of a connected future.

ITU Member States have mandated the digital engagement and empowerment of young people through Generation Connect - resolutions 76 (WTDC Kigali, 2022) and 198 (PP Bucharest, 2022).

Join #GenerationConnect!

Key Global Initiatives
- ITU Youth Task force
- Generation Connect Digital Learning Certificate
- Generation Connect Podcast
- Virtual and physical contribution to key youth engagement platforms: ECOSOC Youth Forum, World Food Forum, YOUNGA, IGF, MISK Global Forum, LDCS Youth Track, Kofi Annan Changemakers
- Youth participation and engagement in ITU Events: PP, TDAG, Study Groups, etc
- YOUTH 2030 collaboration with the UN Youth Envoys’ Office, UNESCO, and other UN partners on youth digital engagement initiatives and reports.
Alignment with other UN processes

**SIDE EVENT**
WSIS Action Lines and ICTs for building back better and accelerating the achievement of the SDGs in LDCs

5th United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC5)

5/8 March 2023, Exhibition Hall 2, Doha, Qatar

More Info

**SIDE EVENT**
WSIS Gender Trendsetters: ICTs for Gender Inclusion

67th Commission on the Status of Women

16 March 2023, 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM New York time /17:30 - 18:45 PM, CET

More Info

**SIDE EVENT**
Side Event - CSocD61: Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs), Innovation and Accessibility: Towards Building Inclusive Communities

61st Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD61)

10 February 2023, 15:45-17:00 PM CET Virtual

More Info

**SIDE EVENT**
WSIS Cooperation for Accelerating Progress on the SDGs

ECOSOC Partnership Forum 2023

31 January 2023, 14:30-15:45 PM CET, Virtual

More Info

**SIDE EVENT**
Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) and Older Persons: Healthy Ageing in a Digital World

61st Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD61)

9 February 2023, 15:45-17:00 PM CET Virtual

More Info
WSIS+20: Review and WSIS Beyond 2025

Report of the UNESCO Director-General on the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) outcomes, 15 October 2021;

elaborates UNESCO’s roadmap towards the WSIS+20 review

World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)+20: WSIS Beyond 2025: WSIS+20 Roadmap; elaborates the ITU Secretary-General’s roadmap on the role of ITU in the WSIS+20 Review process and its preparations

WSIS Forum 2022: Multistakeholder Dialogues and discussions
• Knowledge Café: WSIS+20, 30 May 2022
• High-Level Strategic Dialogue: WSIS+20: Multistakeholder Digital Cooperation for Global Development (WSIS Action Lines to achieve the SDGs), 31 May 2022
• High-Level Dialogue: WSIS+20 – WSIS Beyond 2025, 2 June 2022

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• High-Level Dialogue: WSIS+20 – WSIS Beyond 2025

WSIS Forum 2024: WSIS+20 Forum High-level Event celebrating the achievements of the WSIS Process and identifying the opportunities and challenges in implementing the WSIS Action Lines.

WSIS+20 Stocktaking Report

CSTD Report on the implementation of WSIS

WSIS Action Lines advancing the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals
Reminder of Open Calls

Open Consultation Process
Request workshops/exhibition space/speakers and provide inputs on the format and themes

Deadline: 1 February 2023

WSIS Photo Contest 2023
Submit your photo that shows how ICTs are playing an enabling role in achieving the SDGs

Deadline: 1 February 2023

High-Level Track Facilitators (HLTF)
Nominate your representative for the HLTF

Deadline: 1 February 2023
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